



Packing tips

- As you're packing, take a few extra minutes to create an inventory of your items. If you have more than one container, be sure to note each container's serial number and the items contained within.
- Pack your valuables and essentials separately and plan on keeping these items with you. Label boxes to make unloading easier.
- Perishable items are not permitted in PODS containers. Consult your rental agreement at [MyPODS.com](https://www.pods.com/my-pods) or check out our [FAQs](https://www.pods.com/faq).
- Reinforce the bottom of all boxes with tape. Fill each box to its capacity, using packing paper or fillers to eliminate empty spaces. The top and sides of each box shouldn't bulge, nor should they cave in when closed.
- Put heavy items in smaller boxes for easier lifting. Lightweight items can go in larger boxes.
- Pack as much as you can into boxes. This will provide greater protection for your belongings and will make loading your PODS container easier. Moving supplies can be purchased at [PODSBoxes.com](https://www.pods.com/pods-boxes).
- Use picture boxes and cushion wrap when packing pictures and mirrors. Flatscreen TV boxes are also a convenient option to protect your televisions. Use special care when positioning these items in the PODS container.
- Lamps and other large items can be cushion-wrapped and placed in boxes. Remove lightbulbs and box lampshades separately.

Packing and loading tips

Prepping furniture & appliances

- Use moving blankets to protect furniture. Moving blankets can be purchased or rented at most PODS locations by contacting a PODS Moving and Storage Specialist, or at [PODSBoxes.com](https://www.pods.com/pods-boxes).
- Use moving bands (giant rubber bands) or stretch wrap to keep the moving blanket in position. These are much easier to remove than tape.
- Wrap fabric couches and other "soft" furniture with stretch wrap. Leather couches should be wrapped in moving blankets.
- Cover appliances with cardboard or moving blankets.
- Use mattress covers to protect your mattresses.

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Loading tips

- Load your container in sections and use tie-down hooks to secure items within the container.
- Evenly distribute the weight of your stuff throughout the container. That way, when the container is moved, the heavy items aren't all on one side, which could potentially damage the lighter items if things shift.
- Place heavy items on the bottom and lighter items on top so nothing gets crushed.
- Whenever possible, load furniture vertically to conserve space.
- Mix small items in with large ones to fill in available space. A snugly packed container will minimize items shifting while in transit and help prevent door-jamming when your container is delivered.
- Do not place your mattress on top, as it can fall and lean against the door, making the door difficult to open. Instead, try loading your mattress on either side of the container or wedge it between items.
- In the last section of your container, closest to the door, use a large sheet of cardboard or four extra-large flattened boxes taped together to create a barrier. This will help prevent objects from falling against the door during transit, causing a door jam.
- Be sure to secure your container with a lock when it's unattended. To lock your container, close the door of the container and slide the latch across so the holes line up. Open the lock, insert it through the holes, and then close the lock.



Pro Tip

You can take as long as you need to load and unload your PODS container.

